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SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES

New Members Take Oath of Office and Elect Officers.

ELECTION OF TEACHERS DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER CLOSE OF SCHOOL

Pursuant to the regular custom with the School Board the members of the new board took their oath of office last Monday, the first Monday in May and entered upon the duties of their new position.

The board which held its first meeting in the office of the superintendent last month, met in the high school building and after perfecting their organization proceeded with routine matters which were to come before them.

D. G. Grantham was elected president, D. R. Harkey vice president, and Prof. V. L. Griffin clerk. Over his protest the remaining member of the board, John T. Rives, was appointed to the position of ex-officio "Business Manager of the Auditorium and Booster." All applications for the gratuitous use of the auditorium are to be presented to Mr. Rives.

The matter of the election of the teachers for the ensuing year was taken up and discussed, and after debate it was decided to defer their election until after the close of the present school term.

After a general discussion of matters relating to the close of school and the commencement exercises, the meeting adjourned.

Roadwork

Road commissioner J. J. Beals has a force of men at work this week grubbing the mesquite from the road east of Phoenix, and putting it in first class shape. The roads of the county have been worked more regularly and kept in better shape under the supervision of the present acting road overseers than they have been in years. The present board of county commissioners has taken more interest in the welfare of the county and had the highways kept in better condition than any board in recent years. In many places the roads are badly worn, but it will require a soaking rain to repair all of the ruts and "chuck" holes. Few culverts are being constructed where needed, and it will be but a short time until every road in the county will be put in fine traveling condition.

A fishing party composed of Messrs. W. S. Jolly, R. E. Yates, Misses Yates, Gladys Jolley and Messrs. J. B. Harvey, C. L. Swaine, Dick, Yates and Cunningham spent last Saturday evening at the Six Mile Dam angling and picnicing. They report an abundance of success at both pastimes.

W. L. Bishop and family, who have been at the Anderson Sanitarium since last fall, returned to their home in Iowa, this week. They came here seeking the benefit of the climate for Mrs. Bishop, who is a sufferer from tuberculosis. Unfortunately they returned with her condition but little improved, if any.

S. T. Bitting was on the streets again yesterday after being confined to his home for the past few days on account of having been kicked on the temple by his driving horse "Wild Bill."

HASKELL'S HIGHWAY PLAN.

Oklahoma Governor Advocates a State Good Roads Commission.

Governor Haskell said recently that he will recommend to the Oklahoma legislature, possibly at a special session, the creation of a state good roads commission and the office of state engineer and will favor the continuance of good roads from one county into another.

"The building of roads—that is, permanent and good roads"—he said, "is quite as large an undertaking as building railroads. They should be of large extent and should not be stopped arbitrarily at the county line just because the authority of the county commissioners does not extend into the next county. The way to build our roads state wide is to create a good roads commission to act as a consulting board for the various sets of county commissioners. The engineer of the board would, in fact, be a state engineer, who would plan the best surveys for good roads from a state standpoint and lay the plans before the sets of county commissioners for approval and the voting of the necessary bonds to defray the expense by counties as must be done under the present good roads law. The only thing that the state can furnish is convict labor."

Sand-clay Roads in Kansas.

Sand-clay roads are made of those two materials, and in some parts of the south are held to be, for particular regions at least, more practicable than macadam. This construction is now being introduced in the sand hill country of Kansas, where the sandy roads have hindered agricultural development by imposing great difficulty on the transportation of farm products.

Garden City, which is in the sandy country, solved the transportation problem by building a sand-clay road through the hills south of that city. Before this road was built farmers had to haul their grain more than twenty-five miles by a roundabout way in order to reach a market that is only ten or twelve miles distant. The property

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owners of Hutchinson and McPherson counties are now considering the opening of a big territory that has been handicapped by heavy sand hill roads.

More Real Work Needed.

A good roads convention is always a helpful institution, but there are a great many people who would do well to spend more time in making roads instead of attending conventions.

HIGHWAY OF THE FUTURE.

One Constructed of a Material Durable For Heavy Motor Traffic.

All road builders are now engaged in trying to devise a road which will stand motor traffic. Many new methods have been tried with varying degrees of success, but none of them seems to be perfectly satisfactory.

If broken some is to form the wearing surface, then some means must be found to hold the binding particles so firmly that they cannot be sucked out, and sufficient strength must be given to the mass to enable it to withstand the sliding action of the wheels at bends and turns. Several kinds of tar macadam answer fairly well, but they are expensive.

It would seem that the most promising kind of road for heavy automobile traffic is what is called durum in England. It is a pavement of three inch irregular cubes of hard stone laid in small segments of circles.

These stones can be cut by machinery and are comparatively inexpensive. They are laid without grout, but there seems to be no reason for its omission except the cost. Great quantities of this kind of pavement have been laid in Germany.

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Caused by Lack of Good Roads.

The lack of good roads to remote regions is held to be one of the chief causes of the decline of British agriculture.

MORE OIL TALK AGAIN

Good Prospect for Work to be Done in the Oil Field This Coming Season

REVIVED INTEREST TAKEN BY LOCAL CAPITALISTS

After having enjoyed a "Rip Van Winkle" for the past eighteen months the interest in the oil field adjacent to Carlsbad has again become active and those who are interested in the development of the field are beginning to show some signs of life and there is an unmistakable and decidedly energetic activity manifested.

For the past three months there has been symptoms of "something doing" and while those who are on the inside refuse to divulge much of their plans, and of the secrets of the order there is every reason to suppose that the coming season will see some development work which will undoubtedly result in a flow thicker than water and will smell worse than a Dutch lunch.

William Crump, of Geary, West Virginia, arrived in Carlsbad the early part of the year, and immediately began the organization of an oil company which was composed of local capital and which has already incorporated for \$500,000 and has

direction, presumably connected with the oil field known as the Toyah Creek Oil Field across the state line in Texas.

As cumulative and corroborative evidence in the matter of development of the Carlsbad field Recorder O'Quinn this week received a letter from Prof. Leopold Balbach, in New York, which stated that he had succeeded in interesting a number of eastern capitalists in the undeveloped oil field which lies at the door of our town and which has been throwing out inducements to oil prospectors for the past two years, promising the most flattering results if they would put down wells which would permit the oil to escape.

Prof. Balbach spent several months in Carlsbad examining the prospective field and the geological formation, and while here, he endeavored to interest capital in the matter through correspondence, but the repeated delays in correspondence, incident to the remoteness from the field, the recent money panic, and the reverses met by many in the oil boom of other fields, caused capital to become reluctant in enthusing over the proposition and he hopes to return to Carlsbad within the near future and begin an active campaign for the development of the field. He stated that several wells would be drilled and a thorough test made to determine the nature, size, and value of the field. Prof. Balbach has had years of experience in this line of business, and while here expressed the utmost confidence in the future of the field, as is evidenced by his persistent efforts since leaving Carlsbad, the result of which he has just announced.

It is earnestly hoped that his efforts will be fruitful, and that his hopes will be fully realized both for his own success, those who are interested with him, and the welfare of Carlsbad and the entire Pecos Valley.

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J. B. Lucas Jr. of Chacotah Ok. is visiting his uncles Will and George Lucas in Carlsbad this week. J. B. is a druggist in his town and his father practices law.

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Mothers' Day.

The second Sunday in May, next Sunday, will be observed in many churches as Mothers' Day. The sermon and music at The Methodist Church, in the morning, will be in keeping with the day. Wear a red or white rose or carnation as a badge of love and loyalty to your mother and in honor of her. These flowers typify mother love with its warmth, beauty, fragrance and purity.

The subject for the evening hour will be, "The World, the Flesh and the Devil. We cordially invite you to these services.

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J. S. Eaves, cashier of the First Territorial Bank, of Lovington; Oscar Thompson, president of the bank and R. F. Love a merchant, also of Lovington, were in Carlsbad this week on a short business trip. They returned in the auto this morning.

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Mrs. Beahmer and Miss Reamy, who occupied the cottage of Mr. Jones on Washington Avenue, near the Catholic Church, left yesterday morning for their home in Chicago enthusiastic over Carlsbad as being an ideal winter climate.

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Half inch water pipe for sale at this office.

Improvement Motives.

If an embargo of the same force were laid on the ports that is laid on farm traffic by bad roads the noise that would follow could be heard around the world.

If the money is expended wisely and honestly a people can tax themselves rich for the construction of good roads.

Road repairs to be effective must be continuous.

"Push! If you can't push, pull. If you can't pull, please get out of the way."

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UNCLE SAM AS ROAD BUILDER

Government Constructing Great Highways in Newly Developed Country.

Experts of many countries are marveling at the great roads which the United States government has constructed and is now constructing on the reclamation projects in the far western states and territories.

More than 600 miles of the most excellent highways that it is possible for man to produce have been completed and are in daily use.

These, of course, do not include the byroads leading to many farms or the many other roads being used for the time being until the macadamized kind can be built.

The dry farmers have had good horses and vehicles since the reclamation work began seven years ago, and these good roads are enabling them to haul their products to the towns and railroad stations and to send their children to school. They regard them as the most important of all aids to progress and prosperity.

Many of these pioneers own automobiles, and it is no unusual sight to see on Saturdays or Sundays a dozen of

more motorcars of the latest designs in any of the towns of the older projects. It is interesting to note that Uncle Sam has only fairly begun the building of roads in this newly developed country and that in a very few years the mileage will be reckoned in thousands where it is now counted in hundreds.

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